

# Village of Los Lunas



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## **\$4.5 Million Will Improve Property For Merillat**

The Village of Los Lunas will receive \$4.5 million for the development of the property at Los Morros Industrial Park which will become the site for Merillat Industries Inc. if Governor Bill Richardson signs the legislation passed in the 2005 New Mexico session.

Merillat will construct a \$36 million 260,000 square foot manufacturing plant that will eventually employ 700

people. Ground is expected to be broken this spring near the intersection of Highway 6 and Interstate 25.

This funding was sponsored by State Senator Michael Sanchez and State Representative Fred Luna.

Other legislative funding the village expects to receive is:

- \$175,000 for improvements to Don Carlos Street and Sandoval Road sponsored by Luna.

- \$90,000 for park improvements sponsored by Luna.

- \$100,000 for park improvements sponsored by Sanchez.

**Coming Soon!**  
**More Information**  
**About the Village**  
**Transportation Plan**  
**Watch for It!**

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant Receives Award**

Village Utilities Director Betty Behrend collected an unexpected village honor when she attended the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association's annual school in Las Cruces this winter.

The wastewater treatment plant received the 2004 Operations and Maintenance Excellence Award at the school.

The award is presented by the Facility Operations Section of the New Mexico Environment Department.

Municipalities do not apply for this award. The wastewater treatment plant receives an unannounced visit from Mike Coffman who is in charge of wastewater treatment certification in the state who inspects the facility.

Recipients are not told of the award prior to the yearly conference so that it is a surprise.

Adrian Moya is the supervisor of the wastewater treatment plant and

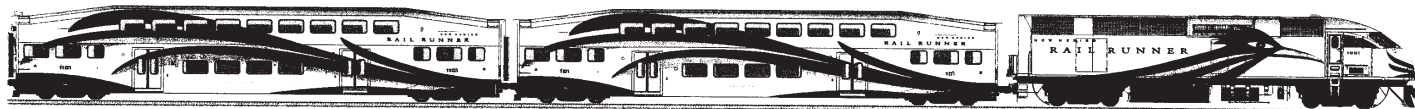


**Adrian Moya, supervisor of the village's wastewater treatment plant, holds the award presented in Las Cruces. Plant employees with him are, left to right, Manuel R. Baca, Ruben Moreno, Thomas Rodriguez, David Sanchez and, next to Moya, Alejandro Archuleta.**

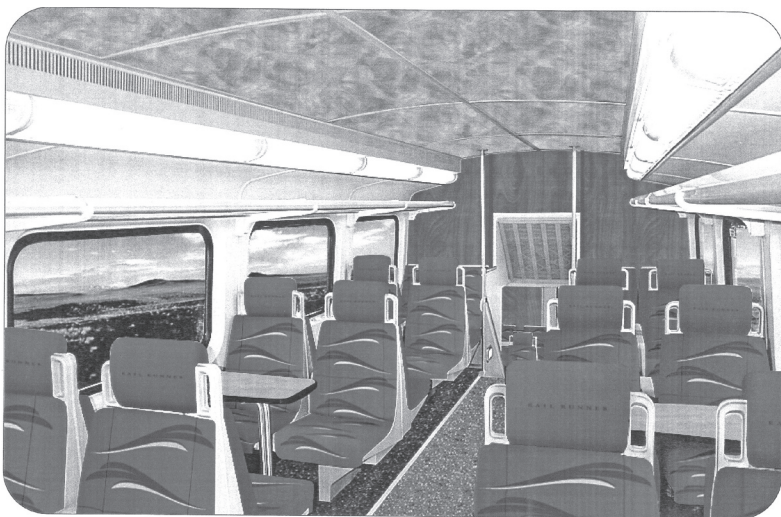
has spent 22 years in that field. He said, "The reason the plant received this award is because of the support given to the department by the Mayor Louis Huning and the village council as well as village administrator Phillip Jaramillo. We appreciate what they have done to be sure

we can do our jobs as efficiently as possible to provide service to the community."

Moya pointed out that this award is given not only for the way the plant functions, but also for how the grounds are kept around the wastewater treatment facility.



# New Mexico Rail Runner Arriving Soon at the Los Lunas Depot



*Above the headline is an illustration of the exterior of the future commuter train which features the New Mexico state bird, the roadrunner. Just above is an illustration of the interior of a passenger car.*



## Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the administrative building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2005 are:

April 7 & 21

May 5 & 19 June 2 & 16

July 7 & 21 August 4 & 18

September 1 & 15 October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17 December 8 & 29

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Administration Office, located at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street in Los Lunas, NM; and posted on the village website (address: [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)).

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has unveiled the New Mexico Rail Runner Express design scheme.

The New Mexico Rail Runner Express is the commuter train which will run between Belen and Bernalillo by this autumn. It will make a stop in Los Lunas at the to-be-constructed Los Lunas station at the intersection of Juan Perea and Courthouse Roads.

A striding red and yellow roadrunner is emblazoned on the sides of the train cars and engines.

Los Lunas will be one of eight stops currently planned from Belen to Bernalillo.

Locomotives and railcars are under assembly with the last of them expected for delivery by October.

The roadrunner is New Mexico's state bird, a two-foot-long carnivore that lives on scorpions, snakes and lizards.

The red and yellow is derived from New Mexico's flag. The locomotive's face features a red Zia symbol.

Inside the train seats are deep red with yellow highlights. Brown is used on internal paneling.

**VISIT THE  
VILLAGE WEBSITE**  
[www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

*Louis F. Huning* Mayor  
Councilors

*Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego*  
*Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando*

**Municipal Judge** Jeff Aragon  
**Village Administrator**

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk  
**Chief of Police** Nick Balido

# ***Village Administrator Phillip Jaramillo Participates in Leadership New Mexico***

Village Administrator Phillip Jaramillo is participating in the Leadership New Mexico 2004-2005 Core Program class, the program's ninth class.

This year Leadership New Mexico selected 37 outstanding established leaders from communities across the state to participate in an intensive program exposing them to the challenges, issues, and concerns that affect New Mexico.

The program consists of six sessions, held over a ten-month period, and covers topics related to health

and human service, economic development, education, environment and natural resources, government, crime and justice, and leadership.

Leadership New Mexico seeks to encourage participants to critically think through challenges facing them as leaders and in New Mexico as a whole.

There are 350 Leadership New Mexico Core Program graduates and 48 Local Government Leadership Program graduates from 37 communities across the state including Los Lunas Mayor Louis F. Huning.

## ***A Safe Prom Means a Safe Village***

The Los Lunas High School prom is in April so the following information is brought to you by the Village of Los Lunas in an effort to promote safety on that night as well as any other night in our community. Remember — Don't Drink and Drive.

### **Get to Your Destination Safely**

Keep an eye on your date/driver to make sure he/she doesn't drink any alcohol. Alcohol impairs vision, clear thinking, judgement and coordination, as well as slowing reaction time.

There are more drunk drivers on the roads during the weekend.

Keep a close eye on oncoming drivers as impaired drivers tend to drive toward lights.

Remember — if you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, or if the driver isn't safe, have enough money to call a friend.



Prom Night should be a positive experience to always remember; alcohol should be avoided as well as any other substances that compromise the ability to make good decisions.

### **Have Fun Without Drinking**

Buy a bunch of one-use cameras, pass them around to your friends, and set a goal to use every last picture before the night is through! Make arrangements to go to someone's house and relive the evening for hours.

### **Things To Do in Our Community**

Work with the school prom committee to plan a fun and safe after-prom celebration.

## ***Statistics You Need to Know For Safety with Alcohol***

- Alcohol is the number one youth drug problem (CSAP, 1996); it kills more than 6.5 times more people under 21 than all other illicit drugs combined
- Contrary to what you may hear or see, most teens aren't drinking. Eight-one percent of those ages 12 to 17 have chosen NOT to drink in the past year.



- Females process alcohol differently than males; small amounts of alcohol are more intoxicating for females regardless of their size.



- Among male high school students, 39% say it is acceptable for a boy to force sex with a girl who is impaired.

*This information assembled by Linda Rodriguez, DWI Prevention Coordinator and Law Enforcement Liaison for the Village of Los Lunas/Valencia County who works at the Village's Wellness Center on Lambros Loop. Call Linda at 839-3859 if you want further information.*



## Tom & Max Torres Honored

The two men are not related but they were both honored by the Los Lunas Village Council at a March meeting.

Tom Torres, who recently retired after thirty years coaching wrestlers at Los Lunas High School, was cited by Mayor Louis Huning as a role model for students and adults. Huning said that everything Torres has done for the community is greatly appreciated.

Max Torres has managed the Wal-Mart Super Center in Los Lunas since it opened. He is leaving to take a position as district supervisor for Wal-Mart in Tucson. Mayor Huning pointed out that any time anything was needed from Wal-Mart Max Torres would provide it.

## Garbage Pickup Days

The village 2005 garbage pickup days are:

HOLIDAY OBSERVED	REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAY	WILL BE PICKED UP ON
Memorial Day	Monday May 30	Friday May 27
Fourth of July	Monday July 4	Friday July 1
Labor Day	Monday Sept. 5	Friday Sept. 2
Columbus Day	Monday Oct. 7	Friday Oct. 7
Veterans Day	Friday Nov. 11	Thursday Nov. 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday Nov. 24	Wednesday Nov. 23
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday Nov. 25	Monday Nov. 28
Christmas		
Holiday	Monday Dec. 26	Friday Dec. 23
New Year's	Monday Jan. 2	Friday Dec. 30

# FAMILY FUN FEST

## Saturday, April 30

### DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK & YOUTH BUILDING

### HIGHWAY 314 SOUTH LOS LUNAS



Come Join the Village's

## GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY

### Saturday, April 23

### 7:00 AM – Noon

### Village Administrative Building

### Don Pasqual and Main Street

Call Marie or Josie for Details 839-3842

Or Check the Village Website

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